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In re application of:

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
PRODUCING FREE-STANDING SILICON
CARBIDE ARTICLES

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 17, 2004, Applicants respectfully request entrance of the amendments and reconsideration of the above-identified patent application.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3.